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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT: PRESIDENT CARTER AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. STANDARD EDITORIAL AUGUST 11 HEADED QTE CARTER, YOUNG:
AFRICA'S FRIENDS UNQTE PRAISES CARTER STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND BOTH CARTER AND YOUNG FOR ESTABLISHING STRONG BONDS WITH
AFRICA. EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

2. QTE...THE COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS WITH WHICH A LEADER IN
PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION IS FACED CANNOT BE UNDERETIMATED.
WHAT CANNOT BE DENIED IS THAT AS FAR AS AFRICA IS CONCERNED
PRESIDENT CARTER IS SEEN AS A GREAT AMERICAN LEADER WITH AN
AAFRICAN POLICY THAT REFLECTS A CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE
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3. QTE;..IT IS PRESIDENT CARTER WHO ELEVATED THE ISSUE OF HUMAC
RIGHTS TO SUCH A LEVEL THAT IT IS TODAY A MATTER OF MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL CONCERN AND ONE THAT NO GOVERNMENT CAN IGNORE...

4. QTE...NEXT TO PRESIDENT CARTER: THE MOST POPULAR MEMBER OF

HIS ADMINISTRATION IN AFRICA IS MR; ANDREW YOUNG; A MAN OF
GREAT SINCERITY; HONESTY AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY...

5. IQTE;... YOUNG'S INFLUENCE OVER AMERICAN POLICY VIS-A-VIS
AFRICA CAN BE SEEN IN THE DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA: THE GENERAL
RELIZATION THAT THERE CAC BE NO GENUINE PEACE IN RHODESIA
WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF PATRIOTIC FORNT, THE ATMOSPHERE
OF GOODWILL THAL EXISTS TODAY IN MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES TOWARDS
AMERICA: AND HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH MANY AFRICAN LEADERS.

6. QTE...IT IS THANKS TO PEOPLE LIKE PRESIDENT CARTER AND,
WHERE HIS AFRICAN POLICY IS CONCERNED, MR; ANDREW YOUNG, THAT
SO MANY AFRICANS HAVE SO MUCH GOODWILL TODARDS AMERICA. AND
WHEN OTHER COUNTRIES CRITICIZE CARTER FOR SOME OF HIS ALLEGED
FAILINGS, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR HIS CHAMPION-
SHIP OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO ARE DEPRIVED OF THEM ENDQTE. ENDUSINFO
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